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## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC(7) : B01L 3/02, 3/00, 11/00; G01N 21/00, 1/18, 1/10

US CL : 422/100, 102, 103, 81; 436/180, 178; 73/863.72, 863.73, 863.84, 863.86

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